

Utah State Historical Society

Property Type:

Historic Preservation Research Office

Site No. BV-04-C-15-2-4

Sign. Site # 112

Structure/Site Information Form

IDENTIFICATION 1

Street Address: 110 ⁹No. 400 East

UTM: 12/357200/4237500

Name of Structure:

T. R. S.

✓ Present Owner: Ray O. & Shirley M. Morris

LESS THAN ONE ACRE

Owner Address: Beaver, Utah 84713

Year Built (Tax Record): 1889
Legal Description

Effective Age: 1913
Kind of Building: residence

Tax #: B-368

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Beaver City Sur; Th N 110' th E 128';
th S 110'; th W 128' to beg cont. .32 ac

STATUS/USE 2

Original Owner: Andrew James Morris

Construction Date: Cabin ¹⁸⁶⁰ C. Demolition Date:
brick house - 1889

Original Use: residence

Present Use:

Building Condition:

Integrity:

Preliminary Evaluation:

Final Register Status:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant | <input type="checkbox"/> Not of the | <input type="checkbox"/> National Landmark | <input type="checkbox"/> District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributory | Historic Period | <input type="checkbox"/> National Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Resource |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | | <input type="checkbox"/> Major Alterations | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Contributory | | <input type="checkbox"/> State Register | <input type="checkbox"/> Thematic |

DOCUMENTATION 3

Photography:

Date of Slides:

Slide No.:

Date of Photographs:

Photo No.:

Views: Front Side Rear Other

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Research Sources:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanborn Maps | <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers | <input type="checkbox"/> U of U Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plat Records/Map | <input type="checkbox"/> City Directories | <input type="checkbox"/> Utah State Historical Society | <input type="checkbox"/> BYU Library |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tax Card & Photo | <input type="checkbox"/> Biographical Encyclopedias | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Interviews | <input type="checkbox"/> USU Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Obituary Index | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Church Archives | <input type="checkbox"/> SLC Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> County & City Histories | <input type="checkbox"/> LDS Genealogical Society | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other field work |

Bibliographical References (books, articles, records, interviews, old photographs and maps, etc.):

1933 photo on tax card, County Assessor's Office
Mrs. Shirley Morris interviewed 8/8/80 in Beaver by L.L. Bonar
Mrs. Ireta Morris Ashworth interviewed 8/9/80 in Beaver by L.L. Bonar

Researcher: L.L. Bonar

Date: 7/22/80

Architect/Builder:

Building Materials: brick and 1 room log cabin

Building Type/Style: vernacular version of Second Empire

Description of physical appearance & significant architectural features:
(Include additions, alterations, ancillary structures, and landscaping if applicable)

This is a one and one half story brick home, done in a vernacular interpretation of the Second Empire style. The brick section was built c.1889 and has a central hall plan, a very unusual feature in Beaver, especially for a 1½ story house. Only the Fernly House (structure/site form BV-04-338) at 215 East 200 North, has a central hall plan with less than a 2-story height. On the front facade, there are 4 windows and a central door on the ground floor, while upstairs there are 3 cornice-line dormer windows. All eight piercings are located with bilateral symmetry.

The brickwork is common bond and the decorative brick above the openings on the ground floor create a voussoir/pendant motif. There is a broad cornice around the eaves which is interrupted only by the dormer windows. The home rests upon a black, nibble rock foundation and on the west end there is a large, rectangular bay window.

There is a log cabin on the N.W. corner of the brick house that was built c. 1860, some 29 years earlier than the brick house under discussion. However, it has been completely altered, both on the interior & the exterior and is thus unrecognizable as a log cabin at all. A modern frame addition has been built on the rear but is fortunately not highly visible from the front facade.

Statement of Historical Significance:

Construction Date:

The brick portion of the house was built for Andrew Morris who was born in Manchester England, in 1854. His mother converted to the L.D.S. religion while her husband did not. She took the infant Andrew, when he was 7 months old, and set sail for America and Utah. Leaving behind forever her husband and two young children. She settled in Beaver when it was first settled in 1856 and after re-marrying, raised another family. She had the cabin on the property, that is now attached to the brick house, built c. 1860. Nearly 30 years later, Andrew was responsible for having the brick house built. He was the local sheriff at that time and apparently used the labor of some of the prisoners to help with the home's construction.

The home is significant because of its mostly unimpaired architectural integrity, its Second Empire Style and its unusual central hall plan. Two of the windows were bricked up on the ground floor approximately 15 years ago when two premature twins were born to the Morris family. The doctor recommended that they be taken to a dark, warm room until their weight came up to normal, so their father, Ray Morris, filled two of the windows in. The home has always been in the Morris family.